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North London Optimist Community Centre Celebrates Grand Reopening

Citizens of all ages in London gathered today to celebrate the grand reopening of the North London Optimist Community Centre (NLOCC). The centre has undergone extensive renovations and improvements to ensure that it will continue to be a hub of activities for children, teens and older adults alike.

Speaking at the Reopening Ceremony today, Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best said "The City recognizes what an important part of our community this centre has been over the years and is very pleased to invest in its revitalization. We are pleased to partner with the Ontario government to improve the centre to suit the many community groups that use this facility."

The revitalization project includes a new building frame and roof, as well as upgrades to the recreational facilities and meeting space. The new space will be used by a variety of community groups, including the Optimist Club of North London and the Huff 'n Puff Seniors Fitness Association, a 1,300 member organization which organizes leisure and fitness activities. The facility supports the City's only roller skating programs with up to 200 people coming out for regular skates.

"I'm excited that the community will be able to use this facility for many more years to come," said Councillor Bernie MacDonald. "The upgrades and improvements will ensure the many unique programs can continue on, such as roller skating, tennis, badminton and golf. Essential meeting space is also now available for rental to community groups."